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SUBJ: IAEA CONSULTANTS MEETING ON LEGAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS
OF IAEA REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL-CYCLE CENTER STUDY: CLOSING
SESSIONS

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1. PENULTIMATE SESSION OF SUBJECT MEETING HELD 29
APRIL (EARLIER SESSIONS DESCRIBED REFTELS), CONSIDERED
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT STEPS TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO
ENCOURAGE PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION OF STUDY AND
REALIZATION OF ITS GOALS. CONSULTANTS CONSIDERED
VAIOUS APPLICATIONS OF STUDY GROUP MECHANISM, E.G.,
SUGGESTION THAT IAEA COULD ITSELF SPONSOR SUCH
GROUPS ON BASIS OF WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING WITH
PARTICIPANT STATES FOUND SUPPORT.

2. UK CONSULTANT ROOKE (URENCO) ASKED CONSULTANTS
TO DESCRIBE PURPOSE AND GOALS OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR
FUEL-CYCLE CENTERS (RFCC) AND ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF
THE PURPOSE WOULD BE THE REALIZATION OF COMMERCIAL
PROFIT. THE ONLY REPLY OFFERED TO THIS QUESTION
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WAS PROVIDED BY MCNEILL (ACDA), WHO STATED HIS

UNDERSTANDING THAT RFCC CONCEPT SOUGHT TO REALIZE TWO GOALS, NEITHER OF WHICH WAS COMMERCIAL PROFIT. MCNEILL SAID FIRST GOAL WAS TO PROVIDE AN ASSURED SOURCE OF SERVICES TO PARTICIPANTS NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS, REFLECTING PRESENT-DAY NEED FOR SPENT-FUEL STORAGE SERVICES AND, WHEN ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIED, WOULD PROVIDE REPROCESSING SERVICES AS WELL. MCNEILL SAID THAT THESE SERVICES WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY A MULTINATIONAL CENTER, IN WHICH BOTH SUPPLIERS AND RECIPIENTS WOULD PARTICIPATE, OPERATED IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD THEREBY REALIZE THE SECOND AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT GOAL OF THE RFCC, ENHANCED INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. MCNEILL NOTED IN CLOSING THAT, ALTHOUGH COMMERCIAL PROFIT NOT RFCC GOAL IN HIS UNDERSTANDING OF CONCEPT, THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT RFCC WOULD NOT BE OPERATED ON SOUND FISCAL PRINCIPLES SO THAT ECONOMIES OF SCALE COULD BE MAXIMIZED. BOTH ROOKE AND MECKONI (IAEA) WELCOMED THIS STATEMENT OF GOALS; OTHER CONSULTANTS MAINTAINED SILENCE.

3. REMAINDER OF SESSION DEVOTED TO DRAFTING OF CONSULTANTS MEETING REPORT BY STUGER (AUSTRIA) AND MCNEILL. REPORT ENDORSED BY FINAL CONSULTANTS MEETING 30 APRIL. CONSULTANTS FURTHER AGREED THAT NEXT MEETING OF EXPANDED LEGAL-INSTITUTIONAL CONSULTANTS GROUP (JUNE 28-JULY 2) SHOULD REVIEW DRAFT SECRETARIAT WORKING PAPER AS REVISED TO REFLECT VIEWS EXPRESSED DURING SUBJECT MEETING. FINAL REPORT AND REVISED DRAFT WORKING PAPER EXPECTED TO BE FORWARDED TO INVITEES TO JUNE MEETING WITHIN TWO WEEKS TIME. STONE

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